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~~DONOVAN STUMPS DESPITE STORMS~~

Sore Throat Plagues Him in
Upstate Campaigning

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Neither snow or rain stayed James B. Donovan today in his upstate campaigning as the Democratic-Liberal candidate for the United States Senate. But he lost his voice.

He opened the long day at Massena on the St. Lawrence River and progressed by foot, car and airplane to Ithaca with a brief stopover at Gouverneur. Rain squalls, light snow flurries and a rough ride high above the Finger Lakes did not disturb him in the least.

He joked about this misfortune, directing his sallies as usual at Senator Jacob K. Javits, his Republican rival.

"Tell Javits that Donovan has started a whispering campaign against him," he said, and later, "Let's have a new slogan: 'Donovan acts while Javits talks.'" Party workers in Gouverneur had a mid-morning coffee break. He did more of it before a welcoming committee at the Watertown Airport and then to a student group at Cornell University. But microphones held him at a live television broadcast at the Ithaca College studio and when he addressed a dinner here this evening.

Perhaps it was his throat, diagnosed by a physician here as a severely inflamed larynx, but the questions directed at him appeared to be taxing his patience.

Most of them had to do with Cuba, since Mr. Donovan has recently been negotiating with Premier Fidel Castro for the release of prisoners, and about

his earlier experience with the Russians.

Typical are the following:

Q—What do you really think of Cuba's Communists? A—Listen, I may have to go back there. I have four children. No comment.

Q—A magazine states you have no more chance of being elected to the Senate than you would have running for Mayor of Havana. How about it? A—Given a free, secret ballot in Cuba, I might win there, too.

Tomorrow Mr. Donovan will speak in Utica and Rome.

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